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THE DAILY

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A behind the scenes look into Hancock County's businesses

the
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'We Are There In Flowers':

THE FRENCH POTAGER ARRANGES THE BEAUTY FOR LIFE'S MOMENTS

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

"It was a good party"

Editor's Note: The Daily Grind is a monthly feature of the Sea Coast Echo focusing on small businesses in Hancock County.

Floral designer Martha Whitney Butler AIFD opened The French Potager in 2012 in downtown Bay St. Louis. "As an artist, I really loved working with the flowers as a medium," she said. "It didn't hurt that I was talented at it. It's a gift, for sure. You've got to share your gift. We're in a place where you can share your gifts, that your gifts are so very well received and it's very encouraging to be an artist here in this community. People support you."

Butler said her whole life has been surrounded with flowers. "We always had a florist come and decorate our house for events and things and I'd follow them around like a puppy," she said. "My mom always had fresh flowers. I grew up on a farm, so we always had plenty to cut. I think my favorite feeling in the entire world is when you give somebody a flower and you pick it, even if you just pick a clover and hand it to somebody, it's just a beautiful moment and now I get to do that for a living, it's incredible. That's what I used to do as a child, pick flowers for my mama all the time. It's such a simple



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
Martha Whitney Butler AIFD designs floral arrangements for all of life's events.

gesture that can really make a difference in someone's life." Butler's background

also includes art history and museum studies. "Being in that line of aesthetics and always

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Cowman hits the ground running as new chancery clerk



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tiffany Lee Cowman, at her courthouse annex office in Bay St. Louis.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

With just about a month in office, newly-elected Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tiffany Lee Cowman said the job so far is going smoothly. "It's perfect," Cowman said last week. "It's everything that I thought it would be."

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Krewe of Kids & Nereids kick off Carnival fun



ECHO FILE PHOTO
Scene from last year's Krewe of Kids parade.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Carnival fun continues in Hancock County this weekend with the Krewe of Kids scheduled to roll starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday and the Krewe of Nereids scheduled to roll at noon on Sunday. This year will mark the 45th year for the

Krewe of Kids parade. The parade will follow its traditional route, starting in front of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis for a toast with the elders there, then down Dunbar to Leonhard, loop around, then travel back up Dunbar. This year's grand marshal is Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tiffany Lee Cowman. This

year's royals are Queen Audrey Ladner and King Charles "Charlie" Smith. The Bay St. Louis Police Department will halt traffic on Dunbar at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, and keep the road closed until the parade returns to the staging area at Dunbar

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Today
57°

Low Temperature 47°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 71%

High Tide
05:37 pm @ 0.85 ft
Low Tide
04:37 am @ 0.2 ft



Feb. 2
63°

Low Temperature 50°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 78%

High Tide
05:51 pm @ 1.08 ft
Low Tide
04:47 am @ -0.07 ft



Feb. 3
64°

Low Temperature 53°F
53% Chance of Rain
Humidity 88%

High Tide
06:29 pm @ 1.31 ft
Low Tide
05:21 am @ -0.3 ft



Feb. 4
64°

Low Temperature 54°F
76% Chance of Rain
Humidity 85%

High Tide
07:19 pm @ 1.51 ft
Low Tide
06:03 am @ -0.49 ft



Feb. 5
54°

Low Temperature 49°F
87% Chance of Rain
Humidity 85%

High Tide
08:12 pm @ 1.67 ft
Low Tide
06:52 am @ -0.69 ft



Feb. 6
59°

Low Temperature 45°F
88% Chance of Rain
Humidity 68%

High Tide
09:07 pm @ 1.77 ft
Low Tide
07:44 am @ -0.79 ft



Feb. 7
64°

Low Temperature 47°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 74%

High Tide
10:01 pm @ 1.84 ft
Low Tide
08:38 am @ -0.85 ft



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Koenenn named Government Relations Director for MDOT District 6

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has named Kodie Koenenn, of Diamondhead, as Southern District Government Relations Director for District 6. Headquartered in Hattiesburg, MDOT District 6 encompasses 14 counties in southeast Mississippi.

“Kodie’s experience as a public official and public servant has thoroughly prepared him for a constituent services role at MDOT,” said Brad White, MDOT Executive Director. “His understanding of government processes as



Kodie Koenenn

well as the relationships he has built will well serve the people of District 6 as Kodie collaborates with officials and constituents.”

"I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to grow into this new position with

MDOT as the Southern District Government Relations Director for District 6," Koenenn said Wednesday. "I uphold the experience, knowledge and leadership in local government, both city and county, as I have held an elected position as a city councilman and a county supervisor. Over the last eight years, I have worked closely with government officials across the state on numerous projects relating to roads, development, infrastructure and much more. I trust that my understanding of the city and county process, as well as my relationships with MML

and MAS, have prepared me well for this position with MDOT to better communicate with our District 6 officials and constituents.”

Kodie Koenenn most recently served as a Hancock County Supervisor, where he served as vice president to the Board. He is also a former City Councilman for the City of Diamondhead, where he represented Ward 4. Prior to his roles as an elected official, Koenenn worked in the field of water treatment operations and management and is experienced in disaster recovery efforts having worked with various government agencies.

A longtime community advocate and volunteer, Koenenn is involved in many organizations, including: Mississippi Rural Water and Operators Association, Hancock County Young Professionals, Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), Rotary Club of Central Hancock County, Coastal Conservation Association, Waveland Civic Association and Fin & Feather Club. He is also a graduate of the Hancock County Leadership program and a certified water and plant operator.

As Southern District Government Relations Director in District 6,

Koenenn will manage communication between the department, area government officials and the public to foster relationships and ensure transparency. He began the role effective Jan. 8, 2024.

“With this position, I plan to collaborate closely with our new District Engineer Billy Owens and the Executive Director Brad White, helping to facilitate seamless communication between the project, the public and our government officials, ensuring transparency and fostering productive relationships,” Koenenn said.

MS House Weekly Summary - Week of January 22



Guest Column

By State
Representative Brent
Anderson

This was the fourth week of the 2024 Legislative Session.

On Wednesday, Jan-

uary 24, Governor Tate Reeves called an extraordinary session of the Legislature on Thursday. This was his second special session in seven days, and it was dedicated to another major economic development project.

"Project Atlas," which was revealed to be Amazon Web Services, is a \$10 billion corporate capital investment, the largest in state history, and is expected to bring 1,000 jobs to Mississippi. The project will include hyperscale data center complexes in two Madison County industrial parks, one near the Nissan plant and one

near I-220 in Ridgeland.

The package from the state includes training grants, site development support, public infrastructure commitments and certain tax incentives.

Upon gaveling in at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee introduced two bills: House Bill 1 and House Bill 2. The bills create the Project Atlas Fund in the State Treasury and appropriate \$44 million to the Mississippi Development Authority to fund the project. Both bills passed the House with bipartisan support and were sent to the Senate.

The Senate Finance Committee introduced Senate Bill 2001, which outlines the project and provides incentives to Amazon Web Services. Some of the state commitments include a 10-year, 100 percent corporate income tax exemption and 30-year rolling state tax exemptions. SB 2001 reached the House floor on Thursday afternoon to little debate. An amendment was introduced, but it was tabled. SB 2001 passed the House 120-2.

Governor Reeves is expected to sign the three bills into law in the next week. The House adjourned sine die from

the special session on
Thursday afternoon.

The House also took up House Concurrent Resolution 11, which would restore the ballot initiative process in Mississippi. The new process would require signatures of eight percent of registered voters for a measure to be placed on the ballot. Citizens would not be able to make changes to the state constitution, the abortion laws, the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or any local or special laws. The Legislature would also have the power to place an amended version of the initiative on the bal-

lot. These exceptions were the source of debate on the House floor on Wednesday.

Opponents argued that the stipulations were limiting citizens' voices and their chance to participate in direct democracy, while proponents of the resolution said that this was still giving power back to the voters. After two amendments were tabled, HCR 11 passed by a vote of 80-40 and has been sent to the Senate. The previous ballot initiative was struck down in May 2021 by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

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Krewe of Diamondhead Parade Marshal Announced

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Krewe of Diamondhead is proud to announce the Parade Marshall for this year’s Mardi Gras parade will be MS State Representative Jay McKnight.

Representative McKnight was born in Gulfport and attended MS Gulf Coast Community College. He began his career for the Secretary of State of Mississippi. He also served as chief



Rep. Jay McKnight
of staff of the MS Public

Service Commission and investigator in the MS Office of the State Auditor. He later served as an investigator for the Harrison County Sheriff’s Office. McKnight is the owner of John Jay Construction and Jay McKnight Properties. He was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in November of 2019 and assumed office on January 7, 2020. He was recently re-elected and continues to serve.

Since being elected, Jay has been a rising star and has represented his District 95 well.

He has always made himself readily accessible to our Diamondhead leadership on the City Council and our Diamondhead Water and Sewer District. His number has been called on multiple occasions and he has personally answered. Jay has provided knowledge and guidance through the systems, leading to millions of dollars being committed to critical infrastructure in the Diamondhead community.

We are very honored to have him as parade marshal and know that he will lead this parade with the theme Abracadabra, Magic and Illusion in a truly outstanding fashion.

The parade will roll at noon on Saturday, February 10. Questions about the parade should be directed to our Parade Director, Sandy McGraw at kdhparade@gmail.com. This parade will follow our traditional route.

The Krewe of Diamondhead will be hosting more events in the coming months. Be sure to like and follow our page to stay up on all activities.

Don’t miss out on all the fun! Laissez le bon ton roulet.

SNHU Announces Fall 2023 President’s List

Elizabeth Williams named to Western Carolina University’s Fall 2023 Chancellor’s List

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning

12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Kyle Craig of Bay St. Louis (39520)

Colton Mills of Bay saint Louis (39520)

Marilyn Rushing of Diamondhead (39525)

Andrew Olague of Diamondhead (39525)

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than

225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the “Most Innovative” regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Congratulations to Elizabeth Williams, of Bay Saint Louis, MS for being named to the Western Carolina University Fall 2023 Chancellor’s List.

Williams was among more than 1,600 students to achieve this honor. To qualify for the Chancellor’s List, students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

As the westernmost institution in the University of North Carolina System, WCU attracts students from around the globe for its nationally ranked programs, affordability through NC Promise and exceptional student support. Recognized as a top adventure college and surrounded by the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, students can explore the region’s vast natural diversity through unrivaled experiential learning and recreational activities. Offering residential, hybrid and online programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees at our main campus in Cullowhee, WCU in Asheville located at Biltmore Park, and wherever students are through distance learning.

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Village.

The Krewe of Nereids will celebrate its 56th annual Carnival parade on Sunday.

The Krewe of Nereids is the oldest Mardi Gras Krewe on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The all-women Krewe of Nereids organized in Waveland in 1966, and has grown into one of the biggest Carnival organizations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The parade will begin at Drinkwater Blvd. in Bay St. Louis and travel down Hwy. 90 toward Waveland Avenue, finishing at Auderer Blvd.

The cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland have issued a list of banned items and behaviors.

Things not allowed on the parade route include underage consumption of alcohol, pets, glass containers or bottles, parking of any vehicle in the median or ladders or scaffolding in the median.

Waveland has also prohibited skateboards, hover boards, skates, scooters, bicycles or any “unauthorized modes of

transportation, including motorized forms” of any of the previously listed items. Drones have also been banned from the parade route.

The Bay St. Louis Police Department said in a press release that officers would “strictly” enforce laws against disorderly conduct, public intoxication and driving under the influence.

Other upcoming Mardi Gras parades include:

- Saturday, Feb. 10 Krewe of Diamondhead, noon
- The parade starts at noon from City Hall and turns onto Gex Drive. It turns left onto W. Aloha and proceeds to Kalani before turning right onto Diamondhead Drive East.
- The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its annual Mardi Gras ball on Feb. 3, led by this year’s royals Ali’l Ho Nua the 49h Jeremy Damiens and Queen, Meg Damiens.
- Sunday, Feb. 11 St. Paul Carnival Association Parade, Pass Christian, noon
- Parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St. Louis, east to Church

Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue.

- Monday, Feb. 12 Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Lundi Gras Parade, 5 p.m.
- The parade will roll from the corner of Depot Way and Bookter St., travel down Necaise Avenue, turn right on Main Street, left at 2nd Street, right on Ullman Avenue, right on Beach Boulevard, then on Court Street to disband at the parking garage.
- The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its “Mutiny on the Bay Pirate Gala” on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 7-11 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Center. For more, go to mkotsh.com.
- Tuesday, Feb. 13 Krewe of Real People Parade, 1 p.m.
- The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Necaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaine to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Bookter Street.
- The krewe will host its annual Mardi Gras ball on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.



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trying to have well appointed space and a deep appreciation for antiques and aesthetics and design,” she said. “It’s something that I’ve always been drawn to.”

Originally, Butler said, she wanted to work in the museum industry like in an office setting.

“I did that for a while and then I realized I needed to have a lot more freedom,” she said. “I couldn’t sit down for that long.”

Butler is originally from north Alabama, but said she “fell in love with a man from here so I stuck around.”

“Same party that I met and fell in love with my husband was the same party that I got a job at Adams Loraine,” she said. “It was a good party.”

A friend of hers worked for Adams Loraine Florist and Butler said she “begged” for the opportunity to volunteer at the shop.

“And they gave me a job there,” she said. “He taught and I attended his class and he said, ‘you’ve got it.’ I didn’t really know what ‘it’ was, but now I recognize it in other people, so now I know what ‘it’ is.

“They really push you to follow your dreams”

Butler said she was very fortunate to have the opportunity to rent and later acquire the building which houses her floral shop.

“Again, I really just feel like people have been so nice to me here,” she said. “The Carvers were so kind to me, the guys that owned Adams Loraine were so kind to me. It always comes back to that heart of community, that people here are just kind people and they really push you to follow your dreams.”

Butler said she knew she wanted to have her

own antique shop and eventually wanted to incorporate flowers into the shop.

“It was such a beautiful look,” she said. “And I love being surrounded by beautiful things and other people do too. We live in a beautiful place so it only makes sense when you have to go inside to have the inside look beautiful, as well.”

“Everything in life that can happen, we are there in flowers.”

Butler said her floral style mirrors her own personality of “footloose and fancy free.”

“Colorful, sometimes I’m pastel, sometimes I’m just very beige,” she said. “I’m just all over the place. But the main thing is, whatever my client wants is what I do, but for me personally, I just love open and free, very southern garden, which I think for a lot of people really evokes southern sentiment. It reminds them of their grandmother’s garden or their gardens at home. And I think that’s why people come here, they want that look.”

Butler said about 90 percent of customers rely on her to “design as I design.”

Butler said there’s no limit when it comes to creating floral arrangements for events.

Butler said she knows a lot of people and it helps so much to know their flower preferences, allergies, etc.

“That’s such a leg up to know your audience,” she said.

Butler said her staff all have a love for what they do.

“A love of nature,” she said. “Not necessarily the cut flower industry, we really just all love nature and the things that it does. So, a deep appreciation for nature in here and all that it has to offer.”

Butler said she also hires freelancers as well to help with events and they are friends with oth-

er florists in town.

“That’s a big important thing, it’s not common to be super friendly with the competition,” she said. “We all are so unique and creative, I think every one of us has something to bring to the table and we’re able to serve this community, which is fantastic.”

Not only does The French Potager boast a colorful and scented array of florals, but there is also an array of handmade gifts to choose from.

As of late, they have been making bath soaps, simmer pots, and bath salts, Butler said.

“All of these things we make with the florals we dry in house,” she said. “We like to be sustainable here. I give a lot of presentations about sustainability. Any kind of product waste is not really waste to us. It’s definitely something that’s going to get used. So we were able to really cut down on green waste by introducing those as new product for us.”

Butler said she also has a great relationship with La Terre Farms in Kiln, which harkens back to sustainability by purchasing cut flowers locally.

Butler said one of the things that makes her shop different is that they are what she calls a “designer’s choice.”

“We like to pick the best product for our customers,” she said. “The best, the freshest, and design it to what looks the best. So, if you’re not someone that knows exactly what you want, then you’re in good hands. We pick very unique flowers, we get them from all over the world as well as locally. Everything in life that can happen, we are there in flowers.”

“That’s the dream for us.”

People can place their floral orders online at www.thefrenchpotager.com or call the store to



book at 228-364-3091. Brides are asked to book weddings at least six months to a year ahead of the wedding date.

They do take walk-in arrangements, but it will be one-of-a-kind, as they don’t keep pre-made arrangements in the shop. The shop also offers delivery.

“We specialize in bespoke arrangements,” Butler said.

It’s always good to call ahead, she said.

“We love a heads-up, we love to know that we cannot disappoint you,” she said. “We love to know that we can have it ready for you when you get here. That’s the dream for us.”

During the growing seasons at La Terre Farms, they have a self-serve kiosk with farm fresh flowers, Butler said. You pick one and scan their Venmo.

“We sell their bouquets here as well,” she said. “It’s been working out really well for us.”

Self-service availability is announced on The French Potager’s Instagram, which is the best way to find out about upcoming events such as classes or just peruse the online gallery of floral designs created for clients.

The French Potager is located at 213 Main St., Bay St. Louis. They are open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



PHOTOS BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
The French Potager uses fresh flowers for its arrangements, including locally from La Terre Farms in Kiln.



PHOTOS BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
The French Potager sells handmade soaps, made from flowers they dry in house. They also sell simmer pots and bath salts. Dried floral arrangements adorn the shop as well.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The **HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY**'s
Monthly Board Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.
The location will be at the
City of Bay St. Louis Board Room
@ 598 Main Street Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

PUBLIC NOTICE

FROM THE CITY OF WAVELAND

- There will be no parking of vehicles, trailers, or recreational vehicles before 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Saturday night, February 3, 2024. Any vehicle parked on the right-of-way at any time that obstructs the view of traffic for cars going into our or out of businesses will be towed at their own expense.
- There will be no marking or reserving parking areas along the parade route with tape, rope or other means of “marking a spot”.
- Underage consumption of alcohol will not be tolerated, there will be plain clothes Officers enforcing the law.
- There will be no sale of silly string &/or Snap and Pops on the parade route.
- There will be no skateboards, hover boards, skates, scooters, bicycles or any unauthorized modes of transportation, including motorized forms of the items mentioned above, on the parade route. Anyone of these will be removed from the parade route.
- No Drones of any kind are allowed.
- There will be no drones of any kind on the parade route.
- There will be no reptiles or pets of any kind allowed on the parade route
- There will be no glass containers on the parade route
- Please be courteous and use the trash containers provided along the parade route

Opinion

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Fragrant Memories

My maternal grandmother, Sinia, had such a green thumb. Their farmhouse in Kentucky was SURROUNDED by every kind of flower and plant imaginable. She was devoted to the up-keep of her garden. She would also load our car up with some bulbs for my mom to take back with her after our vacations. On road trips, she would point out the types of plants she would see. At her funeral, the family played Elvis’ rendition of “In the Garden,” who was also born on her birthday. I did not inherit her talents for the gardening at all. I have the blackest of black thumbs. But flowers will always remind me of Grandma. Ever since I can remember, my dad has often referred to me as “Chrysanthemum,” so of course, I do prefer those flowers over the rest. I have been the recipient of several bouquets over the years and, currently, on my desk is an array of dried roses from a bouquet sent from some of my dearest friends, Arlene and Mike. I actually prefer the look of the flowers after they have dried out. A couple of weeks ago, I added a couple of chrysanthemums to my arrangement after an interview at The French Potager in Bay St. Louis, which you will read about in this week’s edition of the Echo. Upon walking in, the fragrance of all the flowers hits you and lingers for a while after. Of course, the memory of Grandma appeared. I even wore her favorite perfume, Youth Dew, in anticipation of that particular interview. The whole shop is just beautiful and fragrant and warm. There is such a welcoming vibe to the place. Then of course, there’s Martha herself, a hilarious, kind, and mind-blowingly talented woman. I watched in awe as she whipped up an arrangement of flowers into a beautiful presentation. Later on, I looked through the Instagram and was wowed by all the beautiful and unique creations The French Potager makes for their clients. I love their style. It’s just very unique, eclectic, often romantic, or could be anything the client desires. There’s one quote that Martha said that really resonated with me. She said, “I think my favorite feeling in the entire world is when you give somebody a flower and you pick it, even if you just pick



STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Our American Indian Cultural Heritage

It is postulated that people have lived in Mississippi for twelve thousand years. The largest tribes to settle here at the time of the French explorer, Iberville (1699), were the Choctaw, Natchez, and the Chickasaw. The Choctaw were one of the largest tribes in the Southeast North America in 1764, numbering as many as 21,500 then. The Choctaw spoke a language called Muskogean. Wisely, they sided with the French in the Eighteenth Century to fight in endless wars with the English, Chickasaw, and the Creeks. Many Choctaw migrated to Oklahoma Indian Territory after signing the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit in 1830. Others remained in Mississippi to this day. The Choctaw benefited from wise leadership. Chief Pushmataha was the greatest and wisest of all Choctaw chiefs. He was as brave and bold a warrior as Sioux Chief Crazy Horse, but much more sophisticated. The individual Choctaw in Mississippi, and specifically Hancock County, possessed great skills of adaptation to the world around them compared to most other tribes. Specifically, Choctaw were skilled traders as well as agriculturalists or farmers as well as hunters. They sustained themselves on deer, elk, fish, and small animals. Yet, they also cultivated many wild plants such as fruits, berries, and nuts. In addition, they introduced the European newcomers to corn, sweet potatoes, wild rice, watermelons, pumpkins, sunflowers, various beans, squash, and tobacco. A large Choctaw village in Hancock County at the turn of the Nineteenth Century was called Center. The name of this town is now Caesar. It is estimated that 1,500 Native Americans lived there during this time frame. Early French settlers also

settled in this location and both populations coexisted peaceably. In fact, they quickly started doing business together to mutual advantage. Some Choctaw there were tri-lingual, speaking conversational French, English, and Muskogean. Center was chosen to be the county seat of Hancock County in 1812. In that day, all trails led to Center. One famous early French planter was Simon Favre. He acquired a land grant in the lower Pearl River Valley (Pearlington). He was an official for this region for both the Spanish and American governments. One of his wives was of Choctaw descent. The Favre Family Tree boasts of hundreds of descendants in Hancock County. The Choctaw that moved to Bayou LaCroix after 1830 coexisted with the German and French immigrant farmers, and their children went to church and school together. Con-



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BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

sequently, there were numerous marriages between these Native Americans and white settlers. These American Indians were described by the historian, J.H.F. Claiborne as “They were tall, well-developed, active with classic features and intellectual expressions, they were grave, haughty, deliberate, and always self-possessed.” The Choctaw men were not quite six feet tall,

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TIP FOR THE PEOPLE

Guest Column By David Sauer

Coverage of Martin Luther King Day in The Sea Coast Echo reflected how much influence his life had on American Society as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement. Pastor Richardson’s “Devotional Page” recounted Dr. King’s life and import as did the ceremonies at St. Rose of Lima he mentions. In particular the address of Cheryl Thompson, Executive Director of Gulfside Assembly, stressed the remarkable growth from one of many pastors in Birmingham to the Leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and all that it achieved. The primary audience for such reflections, I

must remind myself, is not for those who lived through those days like me, about to turn 80, but for those of later generations, especially the children who attended the Ceremony at St. Rose. It is vital that they know all this history which many in the congregation had lived through. I was reminded of an incident that happened two years ago when I received a call from a student I had taught during my one year of high school teaching in Fort Wayne Indiana back in 1967. He remembered most vividly that I had taken a few students with me downtown to a Civil Rights March—an experience he found life changing at that young age. As important as it is to recall that era, I also wondered if we haven’t

overlooked another important contribution of Dr. King, his advocacy of Non-Violence as the best means to effect change. If one remembers that time, even here in Waveland at Gulfside Assembly where Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee met that summer of 1964, there was sincere debate among the young people about whether change could be effected without using violence. It was a vital issue of the time, but Dr. King’s approach won out and, to a large extent, brought about change through non-violent protests. His example could not be more relevant now when our country seemingly has lost its way where Violence has returned as a seeming vehicle to create change:

“Nearly one in four Americans believe that political violence may be justified to “save” the country, a national opinion poll has found” (The Guardian 10/25/23). One needs no more example than the 1,000 Americans who invaded the U.S. Capitol on January 6; not Non-Violent protesters but rather convicted of violently trespassing and destroying our property. The near fatal beating of Paul Pelosi by a man angry at his wife’s politics, and the fatal attack on the Cincinnati Headquarters of the FBI are all evidence that we are living in a time that seems not to have learned from Dr. King’s example. More

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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from January 23 to January 29 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF

Brian J. Staten, 35, petit larceny; simple domestic violence simple assault
Tauheed A. Hasan, 27, forgery
Brennan R. Wright, 24, receiving stolen property; probation violation
Konstantinos P. Kolidas, 42, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
Kent L. Williams, 34, disorderly conduct; possession of weapon by felon; weapon: sale, delivery or transfer of stolen firearm; felony possession of controlled substance; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; disturbance of family; malicious mischief
Jose M. Sierra Figueroa, 33, simple domestic violence simple

assault; hold for ICE
Hung V. Ho, 58, DUI 1st offense
Dontevien P. Foret, 25, DUI 1st offense; suspended license; no proof of liability insurance; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle
Ray L. Billeaud, 31, careless driving; DUI; contempt of court failure to appear
Kimberly F. Colletti, 39, probation violation
Travis N. Lewis, 41, kidnapping: abduction x 2
Kayla M. Woodcock, 37, contempt failure to appear payment hearing
Kayleigh A. Smith, 24, contempt failure to appear x 2; hold for other agency
Michael L. Hughes, Jr., 42, probation violation
Jena-Rae K. Chasteen, 18, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Robert Ponce-Estrada, 24, hold for ICE
Abdourahame Sall, 28, hold for ICE
Brendan L. Cospelich, 20, reckless driving
Ronald P. Doyle Jr., 52, controlled substance or counterfeit substance violations; running at large ord. 323(10)
Andrea M. Jacobson, 41, contempt failure to

appear
Julia Scott, 28, probation violation
Caissey Wood, 37, felony possession of controlled substance
Brice C. Johnston, 29, improper equipment; DUI
Mark P. Buckley, 35, hold for other agency x 2; simple domestic violence simple assault; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest
Glen J. Beach, 36, careless driving; DUI 1st offense
Kevin Fernandez, 62, contempt of court failure to appear
Ammie G. Dixon, 38, contempt of court failure to appear
Dalton J. Ledet, 19, careless driving; DUI; tag-none, expired, improperly mounted, covering or mounted
Tommy D. Parker, 45, simple domestic violence simple assault
Giovanna M. Foster, 24, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Alex R. Picasso, 38, drunkenness/profanity in public place; simple domestic violence simple assault
Lui T. Nguyen, 64, trespassing
Dana M. Saucier, 35, suspended license; possession of marijuana (1-

30 grams)
Ethan J. Jacob, 25, possession of paraphernalia; probation violation
Frances G. Lloyd, 43, possession of paraphernalia
Kristen D. Head, 34, felony possession of controlled substance
Kenneth Dunkley Jr., 51, improper equipment; careless driving; DUI; no proof of liability insurance; tag-none, expired, improperly mounted, covering or mounted
Charles L. Ortleb, 31, DUI
Tony S. Russo, 48, careless driving
Samuel M. Spiker, 36, contempt failure to appear
Mason J. Netto, 30, contempt failure to comply
Riley J. Blevins, 26, felony possession of controlled substance
David W. Shell, 58, felony possession of controlled substance
Kent M. Griffin, 55, DUI 1st offense
Lisa A. Tastet, 34, felony possession of controlled substance; tampering with physical evidence
Tammie J. Tague, 61, DUI 1st offense

CLERK

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Cowman won the most votes in a heavily-contested race last August, then won the runoff election last November to succeed long-time Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar, who decided to retire last year.
Kellar held the position longer than any other person in Hancock County’s history, so Cowman knew from the start that filling his shoes would be no easy task.
However, Cowman said, “The transition was perfect,” thanks in no small part to the office staff who had worked with Kellar for years before she took the reigns.
“The ladies of the office have been extremely supportive,” Cowman said. “The customers — the people of Hancock County — have been warm and congratulatory, giving me the chance to ‘become’ the chancery clerk. Anything that I was concerned that I didn’t know has been right at my fingertips. The information has been easy to access,” again, she said, thanks a great deal to a hard-working and experienced staff.
In Mississippi, a county chancery clerk keeps the records and minute books for the chancery court, and “Receives, files and maintains all papers related to Divorces, Child Custody, Equity and land matters,

Probate of Estates and Mental Health cases. Records and preserves all Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Power of Attorneys, Uniform Commercial Codes, Federal Tax Liens, Military Discharges, etc.,” according to state law.
“I’m learning more and more ways to move forward and make it better,” she said. “The businesses and people we have been working with have been wonderful and really accommodating. People feel comfortable reaching out and talking to me.”
That’s important, Cowman said, because so many people who have to come to chancery court are doing so at what may be one of the worst times of their lives.
“I’ve had heart-to-hearts with so many people about the things they’re going through,” she said, “helping them through conflict in their life. I want to maintain the reputation for this office that we are always helpful and available to people.”
“We are customer service and customer support. When a customer comes in here, they should see a smiling face, hear kind words and receive helpful service. The staff maintains that energy and I try to lead by example.”
A long time educator before running for office, Cowman also wants to use her position to help students, “with the ultimate goal of bringing awareness to the youth about government office and county government and how it all works. ... If it benefits somebody, I want to do it.”

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a clover and hand it to somebody, it’s just a beautiful moment.”
I can remember picking up little flowers in the yard to bring to my family when I was a child. During my days as a preschool teacher, I would sometimes receive a smooshed little flower from one

of the kids after recess, which was always a sweet and welcoming treat. Although, rocks always seem to be their gift of choice.
My littlest neighbor brought me some rocks after one of her walks, which I dubbed “Franki’s Rocks” and they still have a place of honor among my possessions.
I think it’s lovely the personal touches Martha and her team at The French Potager bring to their arrangements. They really get to

know their clients and can make almost anything to fit the occasion.
I had a nice time getting to know the team at The French Potager and get a first-hand glimpse into some of the magic that goes on behind the scenes.
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HISTORY

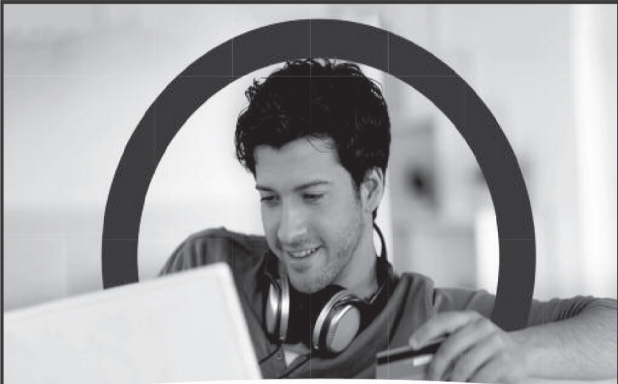
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and they had the custom of flattening the male newborn skull for cosmetic purpose. A warrior who performed bravely in battle was allowed to put a tattoo on his face or body.
The women had comely faces and were much preferred by the French as wives rather than women from other tribes. The tribe was matrilineal which is not the same as matriarchal. Matrilineal means the succession of power

(male chief) is passed down on the woman’s side the family.
Choctaw are known for their unique and beautiful language, basket weaving, beading, dancing, and pottery. They utilized axes, war clubs, maces, knives, and bows and arrows.
The name Choctaw is derived from the word or tribal name “Chahta” who was a legendary chief in their history. An eagle feather was a symbol of love, friendship, honor, bravery, and mystical powers. They built large mounds in their villages which were for ceremonial purposes like

a temple or the residence of their chief’s family.
The United States Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934. This act gave tribes sovereignty and independence from State governments. Subsequently, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was formed which is the only tribe federally recognized in the state.
There are approximately 11,000 members, on 35,000 acres of land that is in parts of eleven counties. In 1987 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that American tribes could organize and operate

gambling casinos. Our Choctaw has one of the largest casino resorts in the nation. The Silver Star Casino opened in 1994 and the Moon Casino opened in 2002.
The tribe is one of Mississippi’s largest employers running nineteen businesses and employing 7,800 people of Indian descent and other citizens.
It is obvious from the above achievements that our fellow Choctaw citizens have inherited the trading skills and business acumen possessed by their ancestors in the Eighteenth Century in Hancock County.



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Obituaries

• BARBARA BLANCHARD
• PAUL RICK BOYD
• JAMES COE JR.

• NEAL ADAMS HALL
• YVETTE HUBERT
• WARREN ANTHONY RESO

Barbara Blanchard

On Sunday, January 21st 2024, Barbara A. Blanchard, age 87, resident of Wiggins, MS, and former resident of Bay Saint Louis, MS, departed this Earth to take her place in heaven alongside our Lord.

Barbara held a modest career in the hotel industry for many years as a reservations manager in places such as Tulsa, OK, and New Orleans, LA. In their travels, she and her husband Donald K. Blanchard fell in love with coastal Mississippi and retired in Bay Saint Louis in the 1980s – where they were both active in their local community as members of St. Rose de Lima Church and CASA of Hancock County.

After Hurricane Katrina, Barbara and her husband moved to Wiggins, MS where they became members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Always willing to help her community, Barbara's charitable donations helped many groups such as Wiggins Community Food Pantry, Doctors Without Borders, Feed the Children, St. Jude's Chil-

dren's Hospital, Food for the Poor, Homes of Grace, The Wounded Warriors Project, Nature Conservancy, and PAWS, along with many others. In her later years, she remained active in the church, faithfully attending Rosary Dedication each week, and hosting a weekly card club with her fellow parishioners.

Barbara Blanchard is preceded in death by her mother and father, Paul and Lorraine Beckman, her brother, Stephen Beckman, her husband, Donald K. Blanchard, her son, David A. Blanchard, and her grandson, Devin Blanchard. She leaves behind her sister, Beverly Deusterman, son Michael Blanchard (Kelly), and her three daughters, Sheryl Madden (Gary), Shelley Cherry (Craig), and Mary Hudson. Barbara also leaves behind eleven grandchildren; Dean-na Wooldridge (Steve), Jeremiah Blanchard, Nathan Sapp, Christopher Blanchard, Adriane Morgan (Thomas), Adam Blanchard (Christina), Kristin Blanchard, Jason Lewis (Brittany), Meggan Bailey (Col-



by), Corbin Blanchard, Lauren Blanchard; eight great-grandchildren, Morgan Wilson (Jacob), Chase Wooldridge (Kathleen), Moorea Blanchard, Lucas Morgan, Gabriel Blanchard, Carson Blanchard, Spencer Lewis, and Ava Blanchard; and four great-great-grandchildren, Addisyn Wilson, Gracie Lemon, Carter Wooldridge, and Kenna Wooldridge.

Barbara Blanchard, known by her family simply as Barb or Ba, will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am., Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at St. Xavier Catholic Church, 1026 E Central Ave, Wiggins, MS 39577. Please have flowers delivered to St. Xavier Catholic Church.

Neal Adams Hall

Neal Adams Hall of Diamondhead, MS passed away peacefully in her sleep.

She was predeceased by her parents, Clyde Crowell Adams and Maggie Cook Adams of Moorhead, MS; a sister, Verma Adams Moore; a brother, Blewett U. Adams; an infant son, Ronald Hall; a son Denny Hall; a great-granddaughter, Brooke Elizabeth Wiggins; and her husband, Louis D. Hall.

She is survived by son, John Adams Hall (Linda Williams); daughter-in-law, Marsha Maxwell Hall; granddaughters, Kim Hall Blackledge, Amy Hall Wiggins and Dr. Jeff Wiggins, grandson, David Louis Hall; great-grandchildren, Peyton Hall Blackledge, Kyle Thomas Blackledge, Brennan Spencer Blackledge, Brandt Al-

len Wiggins, and Cole Hall Wiggins.

She was born and raised in Moorhead, MS. After World War II ended, and while attending Moorhead Junior College she met her future husband, returning veteran Lou Hall. They eloped, knocked on a pastor's door and got married. They then moved to Hattiesburg where Lou enrolled at Southern Mississippi. After graduating, Lou's job took them to several cities, New Orleans, Hickory, NC, Atlanta, back to New Orleans, then to Chicago, and retired in Diamondhead, MS.

Neal was a wonderful wife, homemaker and mother, and had her real estate license in Atlanta. She started the Leukemia Society while in New Orleans. She loved dressing up and attending the many parties and



balls in Diamondhead. She touched many lives.

A special thanks to friend Lisa Cowand, who helped with Neal's needs over the past six years.

A private burial will at a later date.

Riemann Family Funeral Home, Pass Christian, is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, family prefers memorials to charity of one's choice.

Paul Rick Boyd

Paul Rick Boyd, 72, of Bay St. Louis passed away peacefully on January 14 at his home.

He was an Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his loving mother Ms. Eddie Boyd of Kiln; brothers David (Edie) of Kiln and Mike (Jackie) of Alabama. Daughters Carrie (Craig) Crutcher and Kim (Chris) Kistler of Alabama; and 12 grandchildren. His bonus family of 33 years; Arlene Johnson, friend and caretaker; Amy (Mike) Ava, Macella of Bay St. Louis; Juvenal (Elisha) U.S. Navy Wa.; Andrew (Sarah) A.J., and Jace of Bay St. Louis.

He was a volunteer at

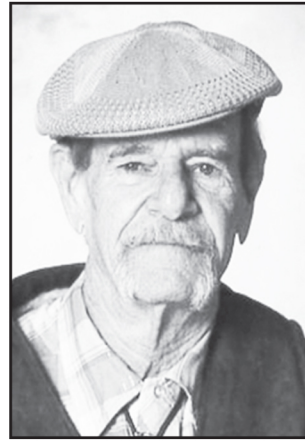
the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center for 30 years and being a participant for the last ten years. He loved to paint and read. He was an accomplished artist in oils. Many of his art pieces are throughout Mississippi and Alabama.

Rick had a great sense of humor. He could crack a joke at the blink of an eye and kept everyone in stitches.

He will be sadly missed by all including his senior citizens family. Rick made the best coffee in town so says the seniors.

Services will be held on Friday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the VA National Cemetery.

Please join family and friends for a celebration of Rick's life at Lake-



shore Community Center on Lower Bay Road at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center at 601 Bookter St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

We wish to express our thanks to Marshall Funeral Home and staff of Biloxi.

Yvette Hulbert

Yvette Hulbert, 90, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, January 22, in Kiln, MS.

Yvette, daughter of George and Mathilde Lutz, was born in Strasbourg, France on January 29, 1933. She met her husband, Donald when he was a "GI" from the Bronx serving with the Army Air Corps in Germany. Yvette and Don were married on November 26, 1953 and enjoyed 65 years together and had three children. As a military wife, Yvette supported Don's Air Force career which included taking care of their children while Don deployed to Vietnam three times and through multiple assignments stretching across West Germany, Southern California, the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, and Southern Arizona. Yvette spoke French, German and English fluently. She loved to travel, and true to her French roots, al-

ways appreciated a good slice of cheese and a nice glass of wine. She could fondly remember meals she enjoyed years ago. She loved being an American and especially valued the opportunities and freedom in American society. Still, she always jumped at any chance to visit her hometown of Strasbourg to see family and friends in France. Her most recent trip was this past June. She developed a lifelong habit of regular exercise before it was common to do so. And even in the last month of her life, one of the activities she enjoyed most was attending her water class. Yvette was an amazing model of unconditional love and hard work.

Yvette was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, who passed in 2019.

She is survived by her daughter, Muriel Wilcox of Louisville, CO, Mike Hulbert of Kiln, MS, Vince Hulbert and wife, Sherrie Hulbert of



Midland Park, NJ as well as her grandchildren, Heather Denesia, Jesse Foley and wife Gwen, Ryan Hulbert and wife, Rebekah Hulbert, Jason Hulbert, Kaitlyn Hulbert and her great grandson, Dylan Denesia.

A memorial service will be held later this year.

Donations in memory of Yvette can be made to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 South Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Yvette Hulbert.

Warren Anthony Reso

Warren Anthony Reso was called home on January 26, 2024 at the age of 80.

Warren was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years, Marilyn Blappert Reso; and is survived by his 5 children, Warren Reso, Jr., Edwin Reso, Cheri Gobel, James Reso (Sara), and Robert Reso. He was also survived by 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Warren was born and raised in New Orleans, LA. He was a resident of Pass Christian & Diamondhead, MS for the past 40 years.

Warren served as a deputy in the Jefferson Parish Police Department for 7 years, and then returned back to data processing where he finished his career at Halter Marine as a Data

Processing Manager. Warren was a devout Catholic, who lived a life of service to others. He never met a stranger and enjoyed helping others, as evident by he and Marilyn being given the title of "adoptive Grandparents" to many children. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian, where he was a member of the choir and assisted in funeral planning and directing. Warren was a true Christian if every aspect of life, especially in his role as a devoted husband and father, and will be missed by his family and a multitude of friends.

Family and friends are invited to visitation on Saturday, Feb 10th from 9 - 11 AM at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 9062 Kiln Delisle Rd, Pass Christian, MS. A



Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM and a repast will be in the Parish Hall immediately following mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

The Riemann Family Funeral Home, Pass Christian is serving the family and online condolences may be offered at www.riemannfamily.com

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alarming still, are the 8,000 credible threats to Congresspersons logged last year by the Department of Justice, a number that just seems to double every year.

Of course Violence is the last refuge of scoundrels, an act of despair when it is assumed that no one listens and no

better way of gaining attention can be imagined. It results from a belief that one cannot win in a democracy where votes of the majority, not violence, decides winners. But for those who don't understand how voting works, who don't believe in democracy, violence is the answer. We can only hope that the example of Dr. King will sway Americans back away from such loss of control, to protests that are Non-Violent but actually more effective in creating lasting change.



Obituaries

• TIMOTHY LINDSEY
• ROSALIE LEWIS SHEFFIELD

• HELEN C. WHEELER

Timothy Lindsey

Timothy Adam Lindsey, 40, passed away from an accidental death, Saturday, January 27, 2024.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday February 4, 2024 at 3:00pm Central Bible Church 2005 Longfellow Rd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Timothy was born in Biloxi, MS at Keesler Air Force Base, November 18, 1983. He has been a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for 14 years. He was known for

is dedicated service at Kings Kitchen.

He leaves behind his mother, Rejetta Lindsey of Bay St. Louis, MS; brothers, Christopher Edson of Pensacola, FL and Joseph Randolph Jr. of Vancleave, MS; 4 Nieces and Nephews; 4 great Nieces and Nephews; 1 grandparent; 2 aunts, 1 step aunt; 2 step uncles; 7 cousins and many great aunt and uncles and Second cousins.

Timothy was preceded in death by his Uncle Robby Lindsey and Grandmother Mary Day.

In lieu of flowers the



family request donations be made to Kings Kitchen at Central Bible Church 2005 Longfellow Rd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Novelist Jesmyn Ward and Letterpress Artist Amos Kennedy at Coast Episcopal on Feb 6

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The talents of two prestigious artists and the works of 20 Gulf Coast High School students will be featured at an open-to-the-public reception for “Celebrate the Arts: Students and Mentors” from 5-7 pm on Tuesday, February 6th at Coast Episcopal School’s Gail Keenan Art Center.

Students who are participating in the show represent Biloxi High School, West Harrison High School, Harrison Central High School, Ocean Springs High School, and Bay St. Louis’ St Stanislaus. In addition to viewing the students’ art contributions and posters by letterpress artist Amos Paul Kennedy Jr, reception attendees will watch Kennedy pull prints on a slab roller and hear a reading by American Novelist Jesmyn Ward, a CES alumna who currently serves on the school’s Board of Directors.

During the February 6th event, cash awards for First, Second and Third Place will be awarded to three of the contributing high school students, based on judging by Sculptor Erica Larkin Gaudet, who has established two successful art galleries, Studio Waveland Gallery & Studio Inferno Gallery, and whose work has been

included in public art exhibits such as The Sculpture for New Orleans Poydras Corridor Public Art, The Joan Mitchell Foundation Public Art, Louisiana Presbytere Museum, Downtown St. Joseph, MO Sculpture-Walk, Scope Basel, Switzerland.

Kennedy of Kennedy Prints in Detroit is able to participate in the GKAC Show due to his artist residency at the Tin Shed at the 100 Men Hall in Bay Saint Louis. Though he lives in Michigan, he is known all over the world. He will be pulling prints during the reception, and his prints will be for sale at the event. Says Kennedy about his work, which is primarily about community and communication, “I want people to feel the joy that I experience creating it.”

Jesmyn Ward, who has been twice awarded the National Book Award for Fiction, will be reading from her most recent work, Let Us Descend. Twice named winner of the coveted National Book Award, Let Us Descend has received rave reviews and was selected in November as the newest Oprah’s Book Club pick.

Individuals who would like to attend the February 6th reception are asked to RSVP to 228-452-9442 by Friday, February 2. The reception is the culmination of

the “Celebrate the Arts” Show that has been on display and available for viewing by appointment since January 19, 2024. The show has been curated by Gulf Coast Artist and Photographer Ann Madden, whose photographs and mixed media pieces have been shown at galleries all over the United States. This is the second show curated by Madden in the current year at the independent school’s art gallery. A third, Call of the Coast: Inspirations from Land and Sea, will February 23rd and feature multiple media pieces, including some small sculptures, created by Erin Austen Abbott, Mary Ann Breen, Christina Juran, Marian Knobbe, Jennifer Kayes, Tommie Larson, Julia Reyes and Megan Zaniwski.

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Rosalie Lewis Sheffield

Funeral Service will be held February 3rd, 2024 at 11am, visitation from 10am to 11am at Greater Mount Zion AME church in Pearl-rington, Ms for Rosalie Lewis Sheffield of Pearl-rington, Ms. Rosalie entered into rest on January 24th 2024. She was born June 23rd 1950. She was a beloved wife and mother. Rosalie leaves behind her Husband Edward Burnet and her 3 children, Jaunelle Lewis Peters (Daughter) Lola Lewis Byrd (Daugh-

ter) and Travis Lewis (Son). She also leaves behind 9 grandchildren that she loved with her whole soul. Jaunelle’s children Kevon, Zarion, Zidon, Empress and Indya. Lola’s children Tajah and Jayana. Travis’s children Sanjaya and Travis Jr., her extended family Janell, Sunday, Ora, John. Two sisters Louanda Miller & Jimmie Mae Holmes. Rosalie is preceded in death by her Mother Margie Lewis, siblings Barbara Ann & Edward. She will be missed as she played a pivotal role in so many lives. Her children, grandchildren, sib-



lings, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends will absolutely grieve her for many years to come. Burial will be in Lindsey cemetery under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.

Helen C. Wheeler

Helen C. Wheeler, 67, of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Helen was born on December 23, 1956 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Hans and Della Schmidt. She made many friends during the 17 years she worked at Hollywood Casino before retiring. Helen was an amazing woman who loved many things, but the things she loved the most was her family and her beloved dog Buster. She enjoyed simple pleasures in life such as reading and puzzles.

Helen was preceded

in death by her parents, Hans and Della Schmidt; two sisters, Rose Marie Floraine, and Amy Schmidt; and brother, Albert Schmidt.

She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Guy Wheeler, Sr.; three daughters, Carmen Hall (Tommy), Yvonne Dear (Josh), and Dominica Midence; son, Guy Wheeler, Jr. (Shelli); seven grandchildren, Natasha, Johnathan (Allison), Leigha (Frankie), Cheyenne, Trista, Landon, and Alexandria (Sammy); one sister, Cheryl Oco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will take place in Bay Saint Louis, MS at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home on Friday,



January 26, 2024. Visitation from 10:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. Funeral at 12:00 p.m. Interment in Rotten Bayou-St. Joseph Cemetery in Diamondhead, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Helen C. Wheeler.

Iowa State University announces fall semester 2023 Dean’s List

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

More than 10,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List must earn a grade point

average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

Diamondhead, MS
Harshith Jaladi, 1, Computer Science

High School Career Coaches Explore Industry at Port Bienville Industrial Park with Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

On January 18, 2024, the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission welcomed high school career coaches from Hancock, Pearl River, and Harrison Counties to tour Port Bienville Industrial Park. Throughout their visit, the career coaches toured Point 8 Power, Alpek Polyester, and SABIC, gaining valuable insights into each industry and respective workforce.

Port Bienville Indus-

trial Park marks the first stop on a three-part series of industry tours that career coaches will participate in to gain connections between career coaches and the manufacturing sectors located in Hancock County.

During their Port Bienville visit, career coaches connected with industries to find resources and future career opportunities for their students. Suzy Gilmore, a career coach from Pass Christian High School commented, “We are

truly astounded by the hidden gem of opportunities that are available to not only future industrial partners, but also to our students and the communities we serve. Career coaches from 16 high schools are planning to take this information and share it with students who are the next generation of employees and industrial leaders, and we will work in partnership with business and industry in Hancock County to engage students who are graduating

and going straight into the workforce after high school while sharing the opportunities that await them as they navigate and explore their future careers. We believe that Hancock County, MS is the industrial destination for future growth offering great opportunities in both career and economic expansion.”

Along with the high school career coaches Mellissa Saucier, Hancock High School Career Technical Center Director, joined the group to

further gain insight on industries at Port Bienville. Saucier stated, “We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to tour the diverse industries at Port Bienville. At the Hancock County Career Technical Center, we are dedicated to forging strong partnerships with businesses to provide our students with valuable opportunities right here in Hancock County. By building these connections, we aim to raise awareness and create more pathways for

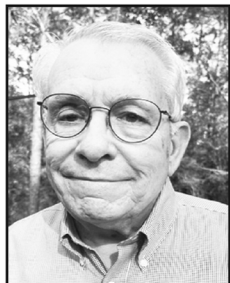
our students to thrive and contribute to the local economy, fostering a vibrant and prosperous community for years to come.”

High school career coaches continue to play a crucial role in the enhancement of workforce development in Hancock County. HCPHC is eager to further nurture the bonds between our community and the industrial sector.

Devotional Page

It Is Okay to Be a Human

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

It can be tempting to project an attitude of certainty as we engage the spiritual questions in life. This is a popular narrative, and in some circles, it is expected. The hymns of faith often acknowledge a more accurate reality. Examples include:

“Pass me not O gentle savior”, which includes the line,

“Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.”

“There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.”

“Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.”

These hymns, and many more, represent a sample of the truth that writers of spiritual lyrics have long understood. Our humanity is real. Our doubts and fears are authentic. Questions can sometimes overwhelm us. Our hope is not to be found in denial of these realities. It is rather in owning them while trusting, as best we can, that love and grace hold the power to overcome in the

face of the challenges which can come our way.

There are times when we may feel guilty, or doubt the veracity of our faith, when we ask questions or wonder if we are on the right path. Hopefully, we can come to understand that this is part of the human condition. It is not a sin to be human. Honestly confronting the issues of our lives is healthy, and it can be redemptive. The spiritual reality which we usually identify as God is not out to “get us” if we struggle with faith. To the contrary, these times can be among the most important in assisting us to grow and develop to the fullness of person-hood to which we are called. In other words, our struggles can be our blessings.

It is painfully hard to see this when we are in the midst of it, and, to be honest, sometimes we miss it.

I am often asked (and, at times, I ask myself) why I continue to cling to spiritual faith. Would it not be easier to simply abandon it and seek a different way? I always come back to an exchange between Jesus and his disciples recorded in the Gospel of John. Some followers were leaving him and going in different directions. His teachings seemed to be beyond their reach. He asked his friends, “Will you also go away?” The crucial reply was, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You hold the way to life.”

It is true that life is not easy. Sometimes it is down-

right hard. Loss is real. Grief is overwhelming. We often struggle, doubt, and fear. Even so, there is a level of strength and hope which lies at the heart of faith. It does not take away the trouble. It does not eliminate concern. It does offer a path of hope, and ultimately, of peace. When I doubt, when I struggle, when I sin, there is love which remains at the heart of life.

My claim is that faith is worth the journey. It does not provide all the answers. It is not an insurance policy against pain. It does declare that, “In life, in death, in life beyond death, we are not alone.” (United Church of Canada) That is good enough for me.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ALPHONSE J. LIND, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23-cv-590-CB

MICHAEL PAUL JACKSON LIND, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alphonse J. Lind, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/MICHAEL PAUL JACKSON LIND

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors is soliciting bids for a 66,000 minimum GVW Tri-dem Axle Dump Truck(s) at the Hancock County Government Annex, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520, until March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., when said bids are going to be opened and read aloud in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. All bids must be on file with the Secretary of the Board on or prior to the date and hour stated above. Bids sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the Bidder and should be addressed to the Board of Supervisors, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Bidders may also submit their bids to the Board of Supervisors electronically to Brittny.johnson@co.hancock.ms.us. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and to award in the best interest of Hancock County. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi. This solicitation seeks bids for the purchase of one (1) or more 2025 or newer Tri-axle Dump Truck(s). This contract shall be valid until January 1, 2029. Purchase price shall be valid for one calendar year and the second year the awarding vendor may apply up to fifteen (15) percent inflation price increase each year thereafter. The following stated below are the suggested minimum specifications for one or more 2025 model or newer Tri-axle Dump Truck(s). All bids must be equal in performance and quality pursuant to the bid specifications below, which are not intended to exclude any manufacturers standard deviation. Any reference to manufactures make or series of equipment stated in the following specifications is intended only to establish an acceptable standard and is not intended to limit the bidding. Hancock County is acting under the authority of Section 31-7-13, and reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to waive informalities.

DUMP BODY SPECIFICATIONS: Yardage 21; Body Length: 16; Front Height: 66; Side Height Front: 66; Side Height Rear: 66; Rear Height:

72; Side Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Front Material: PLATE-1/4/AR450; Tailgate Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Floor Material: PLATE-1/4-AR450; Skirt Material: SHEET-7GA-A36; Cabshield Style: NARROW & CENTERED; Cabshield Projection: 36; Cabshield Width: 65; Tarp System; Tailgate Type: HIGH LIFT; Dump Apron: HEAVY DUTY; Side Light Cutouts: LOWER FRONT; Board Holder Height: NO BOARD HOLDERS; Paint: BLACK; PTO Auto Transmission; Backup Alarm; Air Tailgate Kit; Aluminum Skirts; Pintle Hitch; Full Truck kit with glad hands (towing package); and Body must be equipped with a vibrator(no exceptions). Bidder(s) are to bid each unit as a complete unit. Additional Requirements: Guaranteed buy back provision: *The guaranteed buy back provision at the end of (1) and (3) years will be a factor in determining the lowest and best bid. ***Bidder(s) are to bid each unit as a complete unit. Delivery will be one of the main consideration factor(s) to establish lowest and best bid pursuant to Mississippi Code 31-7-13 section d. ***Participating bidders must submit auction results to support the one year and three year buy back number proposed with their un-priced proposals. NO EXCEPTIONS. Auctioneer auction results submitted by participating vendor(s) will also be a determining factor to establish the lowest and best bidder. Bidders shall also submit information on the following: ENGINE & EQUIPMENT

New & Unused 2025

Conventional Cab

ENGINE & EQUIPMENT

510 HP Engine or greater no exceptions
1850 lb/ft torque or greater (no exceptions)
13 engine liter displacement or greater
Air Compressor 25.9 CFM or greater
Air Cleaner: composite firewall mounted
2-Speed fan hub
1330 sq/in Cooling module or greater
Exhaust: 2021 EPA; Dual vertical
Engine block heater (120 volt minimum)
Fuel/water separator: 2021 Emissions
160 AMP Alternator minimum (3) or more batteries 2000 CCA dual purpose
12-Volt light system with circuit protection
12-Volt Starter

TRANSMISSION & EQUIPMENT

Allison 4500 RDS series automatic transmission
Transmission PTO Rear Support Spring(s)
Heavy Duty Driveline:2 Dana Spicer SPL250XL or the Meritor equivalent
Torque converter
Park brake auto neutral

FRONT AXLE & EQUIPMENT

Meritor or the Equivalent Dana Spicer Front Axle rated at 20k or greater
Front Brakes 20k or greater
Front Drums 20k or greater
Front Hubs 20k or greater
Front auto slack adjusters
20k or greater Taperleaf front springs; to include threaded bushings
Dual power steering gears 20k or greater

REAR AXLE & EQUIPMENT

46k or greater Rear axle, Dana Spicer or the equivalent Meritor Brand w/heavy-wall housing
Rear axle ratio: 4.78
Dual rear brakes 46k or greater
Dual rear hubs 46k or greater
Hub package for dual rear axles rated 46k
Rear slack adjusters
Single spring brake 3030 high output dual
Bendix 4S/4M Anti-lock brake system or greater
Chalmers Rear Suspension: rated at 46k or greater

TIRES & WHEELS

Front tires: Goodyear or equivalent (425/65R22.5) 20PPR
Rear tires: Goodyear or equivalent (11R24.5)
Front wheels & Rear wheels: Aluminum (22.5x12.25) rear (24.5x8.25)
Third Axle tires must be 295/75R22.5 or greater polished aluminum

FRAME & EQUIPMENT

FRAME RAILS: 10-3/4 X 3/8" STL 285-336 (2,132,000) RBM Steel frame or equivalent
Full insert for 10 5/8 (2,132,000) RBM
120,000 PSI Yield steel required
Tapered Chrome Bumper
Cast center front tow hook

FUEL TANK(S) & EQUIPMENT

110 Gallon fuel tank or greater with anti-siphon device
14 Gallon DEF tank; LH mount

CAB & EQUIPMENT

Aluminum or Steel Cab
120 BBC minimum
Heater with integral defroster and A/C
Adjustable telescoping tilt steering column w/smartwheel(no exceptions)
Dash mounted air filter restriction gauge
Transmission oil temperature gauge
Speedometer
Tachometer
Fuel gauge
Engine coolant temperature gauge
Engine oil pressure gauge
Increased air capacity for an additional axle (no exceptions)
Wheelbase clearance for a third axle (no exceptions)
Must include non-steerable lift axle rated at 18K minimum(no exceptions)
Air driver seat
Non-air ride (rider seat)
AM/FM/WB/USB/BT Radio
Cab access grab handles, LH & RH
Exterior Stainless Steel sunvisor
One- piece windshield
Air Ride Cab
Roof mounted marker lights
Circuit breakers replacing all but 5-amp fuses
Bendix AD-HF air dryer, heated; extended purge
Moisture drain valve with pull cable drain
Backup: must meet SAE J560 & OSHA requirements

PAINT

Color: White with Black body or color cab must have matching body

Bidders may obtain a bidding form from Hancock County at Brittny.johnson@co.hancock.ms.us.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2001, Catherine C. Richard, a single woman executed a certain deed of trust to Calvin C. Mann, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of North American Mortgage Company which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 646 at Page 053; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated December 21, 2023 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024 Page 172; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on February 14, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 7, HANCOCK HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, FIRST WARD, CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR, THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES TO THE SAME BELONGING OR IN ANY WISE APPERTAINING.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

LOGS Legal Group LLP
1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-9299

401 Felicity Street
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
23-029817

Publication Dates:
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR EMERGENCY LARGE SCALE LOGISTICS SERVICES

COAST ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION
Coast Electric will soon be soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the provision of emergency large-scale logistics services in the event of a major power outage. The types of services requested include sleeping quarters, showers, and toilet facilities, catering, etc. Requests for proposal will be sent out April of 2024. To receive information on how to bid, contact us at contracting@coastelectric.coop. Coast Electric reserves the right to award based on best value and Coast Electric reserves the right to award contracts to other than lowest price offered. Proposals will be scored on Depth and Detail of returned RFP, Pricing, Past Performance and Asset Ownership. Coast Electric Power Association is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Legal Notice

The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District will receive sealed bids at the Central Office, 200 North Second Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 Until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 29,2024 for the following:
E-Rate Equipment
Bid Packets and complete specifications may be obtained by contacting the following. Aaron Lewis. Director of Technology - alewis@bwsd.org The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District reserves the right to accept / reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RAY HAAS, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00034 MA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HARRISON EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th DAY OF January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Elizabeth Ray Haas, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS 19th day of January, A. D., 2024.

Tara Teneal Winchester

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 and February 8, 2024

Return to: Patrick W. Kirby The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC 2304 19th Street, Suite 203 Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARRY THOMPSON, DECEASED GINO TUMMINELLO, PETITIONER NO.23-521-CB

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been issued on the 5th day of January 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Garry Thompson, Deceased, Cause No. 23-cv-521-CB, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This 9th day of January 2024, GINO TUMMINELLO, EXECUTOR CARLEE DYMOND, ESQ. SCHWARTZ, ORGLER & JORDAN, PLLC 12206 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503 (228) 832-8550 MSB #106473

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT PLAINTIFF

VERSUS CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-031-JP

JOHN E. KAIN; CAROL KAIN;

JOHN E. KAIN, JR.; KEITH KAIN; and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: a) JOHN E. KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post

office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; b) CAROL KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; c) JOHN E. KAIN, JR., if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are believed to be known after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; d) KEITH KAIN, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office address is believed to be known after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; and e) ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal and/or equitable interest in and to the following real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lots 3 and 4, Square 204, Unit 7, Addition 2, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 139H-0-29-021.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, asserting legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to confirm Plaintiffs title thereto.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Preston J. Mauffray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, and whose street address is 2208 McLaurin Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 19th day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, Clerk Hancock County Chancery Court

By: s/Cassie Tribble DEPUTY CLERK

Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131) Attorney at Law, PLLC P.O. Box 4272 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521 Telephone: (228) 216-6124

PUBLISH ON: 2/01/2024; 2/08/2024; and 2/15/2024.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00601-JS

IRVAN CONNERS, JR., DECEASED

IRVAN CONNERS, III, PETITIONER

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Irvan Connors, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 25th day of January, 2024.

s/Irvan Connors, III

PUBLISH: January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:23-cv-00636-JS
JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, JR., PETITIONER
EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of James Joseph Collins, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/JAMES JOSEPH COLLINS, JR.

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Justin Asher executed and delivered a Promissory Note (Note) in favor of Robin Nims aka Robin Willard, in the principle amount of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$34,000.00) on the 31st day of March, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note, Justin Asher, executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Casano Law Firm, P.A., as Trustee, by Michael J. Casano, for Robin Nims aka Robin Willard, said Deed of Trust being dated March 31, 2023, and recorded on April 5, 2023 in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 6464 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Robin Nims aka Robin Willard is currently the holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, said Mortgagor has defaulted in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the payments therein as specified and failing to pay the interest thereon, and under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebtedness is declared due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Robin Nims aka Robin Willard has demanded that the same be foreclosed in the manner provided therein so as to satisfy the indebtedness thereby secured; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with applicable state law.

NOW THEREFORE, Casano Law Firm, P.A., Trustee, by Michael J. Casano, as aforesaid, will on the 27th day of February, 2024, offer for sale and sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 271 and 272 Silver Creek Acres, Hancock County, Mississippi, according to the official plat thereof dated November 28, 1961 on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 2, Pages 78, 78A, 78B and 78C.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 15th day of January, 2024.

s/Michael J. Casano, Trustee

Prepared by:

Michael J. Casano, Esq.,
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Publish Three (3) Times: January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024, and February 8, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

KAREN MESSICK
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-033-JS

KATHLEEN WALSH and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS
DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: a) KATHLEEN WALSH, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of

this state, whose present street and post office addresses are believed to be known after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; and b) ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal and/or equitable interest in and to the following real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lots 75 through 84, as per plat of BURNETTS SUBDIVISION of Lots 26 and 27 of the First Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, made by E. S. Drake, surveyor, dated July 30, 1914, filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on August 12, 1914, and appearing of record in Deed Book C-7, at Page 286.

Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 144M-0-18-116.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by KAREN MESSICK, asserting legal ownership of the above-described property and seeking to confirm Plaintiffs title thereto.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Preston J. Mauffray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, and whose street address is 2208 McLaurin Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN,
Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court

By: s/Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK

Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
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Telephone: (228) 216-6124

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

NO. 23CH1:23-CV-00312-JS OF MARK ALAN URAM, DECEASED
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARK ALAN URAM, DECEASED, WHOSE PRESENT RESIDENCES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Establish Heirs, Waive Accounting, Distribute Assets and Discharge Executor filed in this Court by Charles Frederick Kraemer, Petitioner and Executor of this Estate, seeking a judicial determination of the heirs at law of Allie Dickey Kraemer, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:30 a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend said Petition, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 9th day of January, 2024.

TIMOTHY KELLAR,
CHANCERY COURT CLERK

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Submitted by: DEPUTY CLERK
Laurel C. Feilmeier
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 106014
P. O. Box 3826
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
P: (505) 450-2086
F: (601) 300-3024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

NO. 23CH1:23-CV-00312-JS OF MARK ALAN URAM, DECEASED
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARK ALAN URAM, DECEASED, WHOSE

PRESENT RESIDENCES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Establish Heirs, Waive Accounting, Distribute Assets and Discharge Executor filed in this Court by Kimberly L. Uram, Petitioner and Executor of this Estate, seeking a judicial determination of the heirs at law of Mark Alan Uram, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:30 a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend said Petition, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 11th day of January, 2024.

TIMOTHY KELLAR,
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY:

Submitted by: DEPUTY CLERK
Laurel C. Feilmeier
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 106014
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MICHAEL L. BELL, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LYNN FITCH; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, TIFFANY COWMAN; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. CROSBY PARKER; MYRON W. HANSEN, a/k/a MYRON W. HANSON (Deceased); ALFRED F. HANSON, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; WESLEY M. HANSON, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 162G-0-03-226.000; BLOCK 1, LOTS 5 & 6, GREEN ACRES ADDITION TO WAVELAND, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:24-cv-36-JS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: ALFRED F. HANSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES; AND WESLEY M. HANSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES. NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Michael Bell, Plaintiff, seeking to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendant herein is made a party by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedures 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 25th day of January, 2024, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS; Dated: January 19, 2024 By: Bridgette Ladner, DC Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq., MS Bar # 104994 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571 Tel. 228-323-3330 Dates of Publication: 1) 1/25/2024 2) 2/1/2024 3) 2/8/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

REBECCA WATERBURY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00006-JS

DAWNA WATERBURY and ALECIA LEBLANC, PETITIONERS

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the

Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Rebecca Waterbury, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 1st day of February, 2024.

s/DAWNA WATERBURY

s/ALECIA LEBLANC

PUBLISH: February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, and February 15, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 2023-644CB

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of Robert F. Bozeman, Jr., deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 22nd day of January, 2024, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim. This the 25th day of January, 2024.

MARY LOU APPLEWHITE and DAVID N. SAWYER, CO-ADMINISTRATORS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SIALABAR MANAGEMENT CO., LLC, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LYNN FITCH; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, TIFFANY COWMAN; COUNTY OF HANCOCK, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. CROSBY PARKER; JOSEPH P. LORIA (Deceased); KEVIN LORIA, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; HORACE BUCKNER WELLS, III, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, legatees and/or devisees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 135N-1-39-347.000; 13 ON CANAL, BLOCK 617, SHORELINE PARK UNIT #6, ADD. #3, S39-T08 -R14W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:24-cv-20-CB

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: HORACE B. WELLS, III, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES. NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Sialabar Management Co., LLC, Plaintiff, seeking to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendant herein is made a party by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedures 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 25th day of January, 2024, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS; Dated: 1/19/2024 By: Bridgette Ladner, DC Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq., MS Bar # 104994 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571 Tel. 228-323-3330 Dates of Publication: 1) 1/25/2024 2) 2/1/2024 3) 2/8/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SIALABAR MANAGEMENT CO., LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 23CH1: 19-cv-701 MA

KATHIE S. LINGO; JIM HOOD, in his capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL; JOEL SMITH in his capacity as DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; and ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE IN-

TEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON August 31, 2017, PARCEL 139B - 0 - 29 - 269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, BLOCK A, HARBOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS by PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Kathie S. Lingo and All Other Persons, Firms and Corporations Having or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest in the Following Described Land Sold for Taxes on SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, PARCEL 139B - 0 - 29 - 269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, Block A, Harbor Estates Subdivision, Second Addition, Hancock County, Mississippi

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SiAlaBar Management Co. LLC, Plaintiff, seeking to quiet and confirm title in the above-described real property. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title to Real Property filed against you in this action to Patrick W. Kirby, Esq., the attorney for the Plaintiff, whose mailing address is The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC, 2304 19th Street, Suite 203, Gulfport, MS 39501. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 18th day of January, 2024

Publish January 25, February 1, and February 8, 2024

Tiffany Lee Cowman

BY: _____, D.C.
Chancery Clerk of Hancock

NOTICED IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAVELAND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Recommended Changes From the Zoning Official

1. Minimum square footage requirement for duplexes: decrease from 8,500 square feet per unit to 7,500 square feet per unit. The minimum square footage for a SFR lot has been changed to 10,000 square feet. In order to have a secondary living space (guest house, pool house, mother-in-law cottage, etc.) there is a requirement for an extra 4,000 square feet of property. This makes 14,000 square feet minimum. For a duplex, make the minimum square footage 15,000 square feet.

2. Minimum square footage requirement for multi-family dwelling units (R-3): Increase from 7,000 to 7,500 square feet per unit. Match the new square footage for duplexes and make all structures with multiple living units (anything other than Single-family) have a minimum requirement of 7,500 square feet per unit.

3. Change the zoning application fees:
a. Variances: Increase from \$75.00 to \$100.00 (cost of mailings and time)
b. Conditional Uses: Include a fee of \$200.00 (cost of mailings, which are much more than variances, and time). Currently no fee for this application.
c. Zoning Changes: Increase from \$140.00 to \$250.00 (cost of mailings, which are the same as conditional uses, time, and a possible new zoning district map showing the change.)
d. New or Re-Subdivision: Include a fee of \$200.00 plus \$10.00 per new lot created. (Only for lot splits to create more than 3 new conforming lots.) Currently no fee for this application.
e. Temporary RV during new construction: No longer require to go before Planning and Zoning. Building department can regulate with inspections. Cost is \$150.00 permit fee. If an RV was placed on a property without a permit (RE: Code Enforcement Cases), then the applicant would need to go before Planning and Zoning then the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval. If that happens, there would be an extra zoning application fee of \$200.00 (cost of mailings, which would be the same as a conditional use, and time). Currently no zoning fee for this application. \$100 permit fee applicable after the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approve the request.

Note: Meetings of the Waveland Planning and Zoning Commission are held in person in the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Room located on the 1st Floor of City Hall, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, YOU MAY CONTACT GERI BOUCHIE,

ZONING OFFICIAL, AT (228) 466-2549 OR GBOUCHIE@WAVELAND-MS.GOV. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE AND MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 BY 12:00 p.m. CST.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN BURDICK HAND, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00035 MA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th DAY OF January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Stephen B. Hand, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This the 19th day of January, A. D., 2024.

Patrick W. Kirby

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 and February 8, 2024.

Return to:
Patrick W. Kirby
The Kirby Law Firm, PLLC
2304 19th Street, Suite 203
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:

VIRETTA N. LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-479-MA

By: DONNA JOHNSTON, Petitioner

SUMMONS

TO: Known and unknown heirs-at-law of LORAIN BENNETT NECAISE, Deceased.

You have been made parties respondent in the above cause, filed in the Court by DONNA JOHNSTON, seeking to establish the heirs-at-law of LORAIN BENNETT NECAISE, deceased, as beneficiary in this cause; whose known heirs-at-law are Marisha Necaïse Nores and Berry R. Necaïse.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 29th day of January, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN,
Chancery Clerk
Hancock County Mississippi
Post Office Box 429
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

By: s/Larrinell Kessel
DEPUTY CLERK

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OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

MAROON 2007 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE
VIN# 4a3al25f97e042701

01/25, 02/01, 02/08/2024

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 09, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

BLACK 2000 BMW 3 SERIES
VIN # WBAAN3344YNC98010

MAROON 2007 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE
VIN # 4A3AL25F97E042701

01/18, 01/25, 02/01/2024

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting March 2nd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WH52K959276178

2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN# 1G1ZT52825F264932

2022 AUDI A6
VIN# WAU92BF2XNN039692

02/01, 02/08, 02/15/2024

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

BLACK 2006 NISSAN SENTRA
VIN# 3N1AB51D46L587511

WHITE 1997 GMC SAVANA
VIN# 1GDFG15R7V1019404

BLACK 2011 FORD FUSION
VIN# 3FAHP0HA9BR310992

02/01, 02/08, 02/15/2024

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

2012 PASSPORT ULTRALIGHT CAMPER
VIN# 4YDT3222CT413270

2007 DODGE CARAVAN
VIN# 1D4GP25R87B101933

2010 MAZDA CX9
VIN# JM3TB2MA2A0224899

1999 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
VIN# 2MEFM74W9XX695613

2003 CHEVROLET EXPRESS G1500
VIN# 1GCGF15X331212551

2024 SEAPRO 322 CC
VIN# SPBRJ063F324

2024 SUZUKI OUTBOARD MOTOR
VIN# 35001D340640

2024 SUZUKI OUTBOARD MOTOR
VIN# 35001D340080

01/18, 01/25, 02/01/2024



THE COMMUNITY
• CALENDAR •

FEBRUARY 2

• Bay St. Louis Little Theatre holds over “That Champion Season.” The play is written by Jason Miller who is best known as the young priest in the movie “The Exorcist.” The story is about the annual custom of five men - a high school basketball coach, now rested, and four team members that he led to the state championship 40 years earlier - meet for a reunion on the anniversary of the championship victory. None of the men’s lives have turned out as they had hoped and all still look to their coach for guidance. The play is recommended for mature audiences. Adult topics are contained in the play. Holdover dates of Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Theatre doors open one hour before the show and seating starts 30 minutes before the show. The theatre is open seating. All attendees should make reservations. Please let the theatre know if handicap accommodations are required. Reservations can be made online at www.bsllt.org or by calling 228-467-9024.

FEBRUARY 3

• Theatre in the Pass presents A Night on Broadway. One night only limited seating. Tickets on sale now at www.theatreinthepassms.org. \$30 general admission. 6 p.m. at the Randolph Center, 315 Clark Ave., Pass Christian. Dress: Coast casual. For more, info@theatreinthepassms.org.

• Mt. Chapel Baptist Church Outreach Ministry has teamed up with Feeding the Gulf Coast to host a Food Truck Giveaway beginning at 10 a.m. until gone on Hwy. 90 across from the Circle K in the big parking lot in Waveland.

FEBRUARY 12

• The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse’s Lundi Gras parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year’s Grand Marshals

are Danica and Devynn Hart and Trea Swindle of Chapel Hart. The parade starts at the Depot, goes up Bookter Street, turns right onto S. Ne-caise Ave., turns on Main Street to Ulman Avenue, down N. Beach Blvd. and ends at the parking garage on Court Street.

MARCH 4

• Hancock County Primary (March 12) election candidate forum. Carl Boyanton, Mike Ezell, and Michael McGill. Hosted by Hancock County Republican Women. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 503 on Waveland Avenue. Submit questions for candidates until Feb. 29 to hcrwomensclub@gmail.com.

MARCH 16

• The Waveland Civic

Association’s 60th annual St. Patrick’s Day parade begins at 1 p.m. Parade will line up at Whispering Pines, go down the beach to Nicholson Avenue, up Nicholson onto Central, Central to Coleman, Coleman to the beach, beach to Waveland Avenue where the parade will end at Elwood Bourgeois Park. Jeeps, golf carts, floats, marching groups are welcome. Pricing and registration at waveland-civicassociation.com.

Disclaimer: Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically to cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

DSFA presents ‘Morning in Paris’ Spring recital and fundraiser

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

DSFA invites the community to join its ‘Morning in Paris’ Spring Recital and Fundraiser on Saturday, March 2nd. The event, held at The Club at Diamondhead, promises a morning of artistic brilliance, community celebration, and fundraising. Beginning with a delectable breakfast buffet by The Club at Diamondhead, the event will showcase the exceptional musical and dance talents of DSFA

community members. The ‘Morning in Paris’ theme adds a touch of elegance, creating a unique and memorable experience. This recital marks a significant milestone as DSFA relocates to a new venue, promising exciting opportunities for growth. “We’re excited to share this moment with the community. The recital not only showcases our members’ talents but also supports our continued commitment to arts education,” says Sarah Shelton, Executive Director and Founder of DSFA.

The event doubles as a fundraiser, allowing attendees to contribute to DSFA’s mission while enjoying a morning of beautiful performances.

Event Details:
Date: Saturday, March 2nd
Time: 9:30 AM, with doors opening at 9:00 AM
Venue: The Club at Diamondhead, 7600 Country Club Cir, Diamondhead, MS 39525

Ticket Information:
Experience the magic of ‘Morning in Paris’ with DSFA. For ticket details and more information, visit DSFAGlobal.org or call at (228) 274-5404.

For further information, interview requests, or media inquiries, please contact: Sarah Shelton Executive Director & Founder Diamondhead School of Fine Arts
Email: DSFA@DSFA-Global.org Phone: (228) 274-5404
About Diamondhead

School of Fine Arts:
The Diamondhead School of Fine Arts (DSFA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to nurturing artistic talent and cultural appreciation in an inclusive setting. Offering a wide range of classes and programs for students of all ages, DSFA is committed to promoting diversity and creativity within its community. For more information on Diamondhead School of Fine Arts, please visit www.DSFA-Global.org

Help for the pain of losing a loved one

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

If you have lost someone you love, you know just how painful and unbearable the feelings are. If you are still suffering the pain of loss or know someone who is going through this, there is help. There is a 6-week Grief Support Group that will be meeting again beginning March 6, 2024. If the loss was recent, or even sometime in the past, it can be a helpful way to deal with the lingering emptiness, loneliness, and host of other feelings that accompany death.

Grief is a normal human experience. If you are in a relationship in your life, whether it is marital, parent/child, sibling, friendship, or committed partnership, you will experience grief if one of the persons die. Grief expresses itself in a vast number of ways. It may be very clear that you are in pain from the loss. It can affect sleep, appetite, work, mood, thinking, productivity, or other relationships. If you find yourself “off” since your loss, that may be the way you are doing

grief. Regardless, there are ways to soften the pain, and one of the most effective ways is to share the loss with others who are also going through grief. A grief support group provides a safe, confidential place to share individual memories, thoughts, and feelings with others who understand your pain. As you listen to others in the group talk about their loss, it also has a healing effect for each member of the group.

Please consider joining this group that is

being offered in the Diamondhead community. It is facilitated by experienced counselors who want to help you process your loss and move forward in a healthy and positive way.

The group will meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 5303 Diamondhead Circle, across from the Diamondhead

Community Center. They begin at 2:00PM on Wednesday, March 6th and will last for approximately an hour. Sessions are free to the participants. You can contact Cornelia (228.363.2211) or St. Thomas Episcopal Church (228.255.9213) for any questions.

Waveland Crawfish Cookoff Team Registration Open Now

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Crawfish season is here and so is the Waveland Annual Crawfish Cookoff! Hancock County and surrounding areas get prepared for thirty teams to go head-to-head competing for the Best Crawfish in the county.

The 16th Annual Waveland Crawfish Cookoff will be held Saturday, April 20th, 2024, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Every year the proceeds raised benefit the Hancock Resource Center (HRC), which is a 501c3 organization that works to stabilize families and strengthen the community. HRC’s mission is accomplished by addressing obstacles and barriers to housing and coordinating services for families in need. HRC is proud to host this event every year to raise money to better assist the community.

Teams will compete for first, second, and third place Best Crawfish. Cash rewards are awarded to the top two teams. First place will receive \$500.00 cash and second place will receive \$250.00

cash. There are also competitions for the People’s Choice, Most Unique Item and Best Crawfish Dish.

Team registration is in full swing. There is a \$150.00 registration fee per team, with four members per team. Make sure that you register as soon as possible to get a chance at a good tent placement.

The Hancock Resource Center’s 16th Annual Waveland Crawfish Cookoff will begin at 11:00 a.m. and comes to an end at 5:00 p.m. Admission includes crawfish live music, and entertainment for the whole family. Advanced tickets for adults (13 & over) will be sold online for \$25.00, \$10.00 for children (9-12), and children 8 and under are free. Adult tickets at the gate will be \$30.00 so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time!

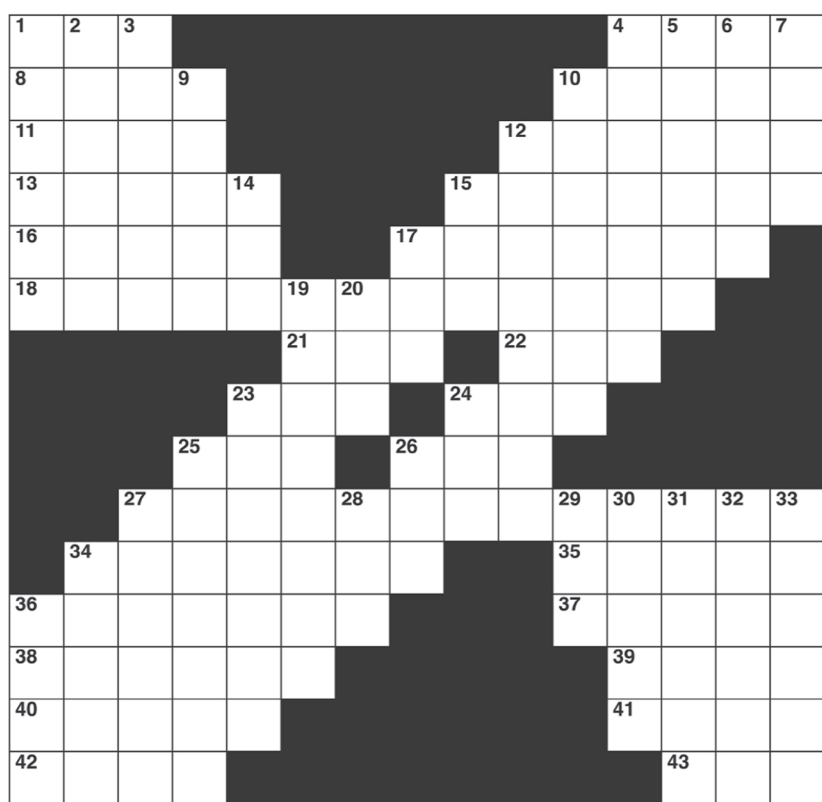
To register a team or prepurchase tickets visit www.hancockhrc.org. To learn more about how to support the event, as well as sponsorship opportunities, please email Rhonda Rhodes (rrhodes@hancockhrc.org) or Paige Ruff (pruff@hancockhrc.org).

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MEET VAN!
This adorable dude may look rather formidable and stoic in his photos, but, in reality, he has a happy demeanor, and loves to please our staff & volunteers. This stocky, muscular fella is not all brawn. He has intelligence and a big heart as well. And, we’re sure you’ve noticed how stunningly handsome Van is! Wowza!! Van is approximately 2 years old, and due to his stature, likely an American Bully/American Staffordshire Terrier mix. Whatever the blend, he is one fine looking dog. Van appears to have been part of a family very recently. He is accustomed to receiving treats, and will sit obediently for a yummy snack. He is not rambunctious or disorderly in any way, and seeks out direction when going for a walk or meeting new friends. He is a really good boy! You can meet this hunky, sweet boy during our visiting hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-3:30pm, or you may call our front desk at 228-466-4516 to schedule an appointment. Please bring your children and dog(s) along for the visit to ensure compatibility.





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8. Fortifying ditch
10. Devotee of Hinduism
11. Trunk of a tree
12. Bank note
13. Capital of Guam
15. Study again
16. Covered with hoarfrost
17. Opening
18. Legendary Rolling Stone
21. Stray
22. Computer storing system
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25. Human being
26. Malaysian isthmus
27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
34. A gland
35. Bluish greens
36. Endangered
37. Three-dimensional
38. In a way, precipitated
39. God associated with dissolution
40. Blemished
41. Flow or leak slowly
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43. Midway between south and southeast

TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. What is the only planet that rotates on its side?
2. What is the world record for the longest hiccupping spree?
3. What is the official animal of Scotland?
4. What animal is known to laugh and has been proven to have a sense of humor?
5. What fruit is known as the "king of fruits" and is banned in many hotels and public transportation in Southeast Asia due to its strong smell?
6. What is the fear of clowns called?

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to board
2. Get down
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. First day of month
5. Eurasian shrubs
6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
7. Small lake
9. Belief
10. Sunrooms
12. Metric weight unit
14. Vasopressin
15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
17. One-time family room staple
19. Got back together
20. Anger
23. Sang merrily
24. Sea eagle
25. Military men
26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
27. Found in the sea
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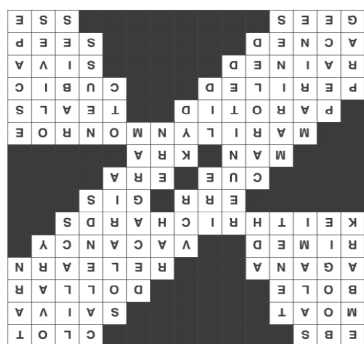
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2. 68 years
3. Unicorn
4. Rats
5. Durian
6. Oulrophobia



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AREA TEAMS PREPARE FOR PLAYOFFS IN SOCCER

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school teams end the regular season tonight and begin the state playoffs in their respective classes on Saturday. The frigid weather a little over a week ago pushed the season back a full week as all north Mississippi teams were out of action for a week.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers sewed up the Division 8-4A title for both boys and girls. It is the first time since 2012 that both Tiger teams are division champions. The Tigers beat Poplarville 3-1 to clinch the title and the #1-seed heading into the state playoffs.

On Friday, the Tigers and the Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws battled to a 4-4 tie. Aiden Boudro scored with 60 seconds of the game starting on a free kick that slipped past the Rock goalie. Avery Harris added the next two goals for Bay High as they enjoyed a 3-1 advantage at halftime. Sawyer Bilbo scored the final Bay High goal to knot the score. This was a game that was not on the schedule, but the weather cancellations helped make the game happen. Bay High entered the game not having been scored in division play and the Rocks got four goals in the net. Bay High head coach

Chris Doxey commented, “This is a fun rivalry between two very good soccer teams. In years past, there may have been some bad blood but recently both programs have been consistently strong. It always makes for a fun and physical game. Tonight, I got to see my kids play soccer. I want them to do well, and they both put the ball in the net. We wanted to play this game tonight because we know it will give us a good gauge of where we are heading into the playoffs.” The Tigers remain undefeated with a 17-0-2 record. The Lady Tigers picked up a 3-1 win over Poplarville last week before claiming a 1-0 win over

Our Lady Academy. The victory over OLA was the first since at least 2005. Lauren Feuerstein scored the goal against OLA. Bay High head coach Colby Adam stated, “This was a really good game tonight for us because it shows us where we are as the playoffs come around. OLA is a talented team, and we were able to get one past them. We are playing our best soccer of the season right now.” The Lady Tigers are 10-9-1 overall. HANCOCK HAWKS The Hawks dropped their game with West Harrison last week 3-2 to

fall to 8-9-2 overall and 3-5 in division play. The Lady Hawks fell 1-0 to West Harrison to drop to 6-12-1 overall and 3-5 in division. OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS The Crescents dropped a 1-0 decision to Bay High last week to fall to 8-6 overall and 5-1 in division play. The Crescents have guaranteed a home playoff game the first round. SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS The Rocks battled with Bay High to a 4-4 tie last Friday. SSC has won the Division 8-Class I ti-

tle and will host the first round on Saturday. In the game against the Tigers, the goals were scored by Arthur Vianna, Oren Doxey, Richard Nicolet, and Abe Doxey. SSC head coach Zach Villarubia commented, “There was a lot of energy on both ends tonight. We played very well overall and were able to keep the ball on their end for good amount of time tonight. This was a good test for us as Bay High is a physical team and similar to what we will see in the playoffs. It gave us a gauge of what we can expect going forward.” The Rocks are currently 13-3-2 overall.

LADY TIGERS WIN DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOCCER

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Bay Middle School Lady Tigers claimed the District IV Championship in soccer last week with a dominating 7-1 decision over Hancock Middle School. The Lady Tigers capped the season with a 15-0 overall record with 12 shutouts including 9 games with a “mercy rule” in effect. During the season the Lady Tigers outscored their opponents 101-3 and eight members of the team recorded goals. The top three goal scorers were Cam-



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ryn Lafontaine with 54 followed by Lucy Stevens with 17, and Raelyn Adam with 15. Bay High head coach Colby Adam commented, “This team was very impressive to watch and coach. They were dominant in every aspect of the game from the beginning of the season to the end. This team played for the conference title last year falling to OLA. They entered this season with the goal of getting back to the title game and winning it. The future looks very bright for the varsity program.”

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 2-1-24

- **Basketball:** Hancock at Harrison Central, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Vancleave, 5 p.m.
- **Bowling:** State Tournament, TBD.

FRIDAY 2-2-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High vs Poplarville, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Tylertown, 5 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Tylertown, 6:30 p.m.
- **Bowling:** State Tournament, TBD.

SATURDAY 2-3-24

- **Soccer:** Bay High, 1st Round of Class 4A State Playoffs (Boys and Girls), TBD.
- **Soccer:** Our Lady Academy, 1st Round of Class I State Playoffs, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus, 1st Round of Class I State Playoffs, TBD.

MONDAY 2-5-24

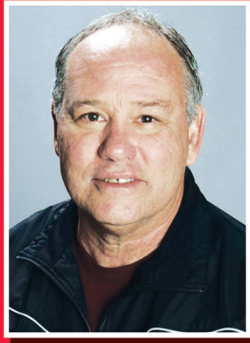
- **Basketball:** Bay High in Division 8-4A Tournament at Poplarville, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Hancock in Division 8-6A Tournament in Picayune, TBD.
- **Basketball:** OLA in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.

TUESDAY 2-6-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High in Division 8-4A Tournament in Poplarville, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Hancock in Division 8-6A Tournament in Picayune, TBD.
- **Basketball:** OLA in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Second Round of Class 4A State Playoffs boys and girls, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Second Round of Class I State Playoffs boys and girls, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Hancock Lady Hawks vs West Jones, First Round of Class 6A state playoffs, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Hancock Hawks vs West Jones, First Round of Class 6A state playoffs, TBD.

WEDNESDAY 2-7-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High in Division 8-4A Tournament in Poplarville, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Hancock in Division 8-6A Tournament in Picayune, TBD.
- **Basketball:** OLA in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus in Division 8-3A Tournament in Perry Central, TBD.



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TEAMS TURN FOCUS TO DIVISION TOURNAMENTS ON HARDWOOD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school basketball teams complete the regular season this week and begin their respective division tournaments starting next week. The Class 4A tournament will be held in Poplarville while the 6A tournament will take place in Picayune. The Class 3A Tournament will be played at Perry Central.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Tigers split a pair of games with the Pass Christian Pirates last week. The Lady Tigers secured the #1-seed in the Division 8-4A tournament with a 34-27 victory over the home-standing Lady Pirates. The Lady Tigers held a narrow 13-10 lead at halftime before sealing the win in the fourth period behind a three-pointer from Kayla Fricke and two baskets in the paint from Nakeria Coleman. Lady Tigers head coach Kelton Thompson commented, “We secured the top seed in the tournament with the win tonight. Pass Christian came out ready to play and played very well. I thought we played like we practiced, which was not very good. The difference in the game was the four deep shots we converted on tonight. We are running out of opportunities to get better where we need to

improve. The good thing for us is it is all above our shoulders. Our mentality needs to be more consistent. When that gets fixed, it will fix everything else.” Fricke led Bay High with 12 points with 9 coming in the third quarter followed by Coleman with 8 points. Arianna Crimm paced Pass Christian with 13 points followed by Catelyn Obillo with 7 points. In the boys’ game, the Pirates got out to an 8-3 lead in the first period and increased that to 22-7 by intermission enroute to a 56-17 decision. LJ Jaynes led Pass Christian with 21 points followed by Kyran Lanneaux with 15 points. Jaylen Antoine scored 6 points for Bay High. Thompson stated, “We are still learning which is ok. However, when you combine that with not always being competitive, this is the result. Early in the game, we held one of the most explosive offenses in South Mississippi to just eight points. But we just did not keep up that level of competition. We have to limit our turnovers during a game. That would be a positive step for us. We showed some flashes tonight but not on a consistent basis.” On Saturday, the Tigers traveled to Gulfport to play in Hoops Fest. The Tigers (4-21) struggled against Petal falling 48-19. Antoine again led

the Tigers with 6 points. Thompson added, “We are still talking about things we started with in November which is not positive for growth and development. We have to find a way to get a win in the division tournament and continue to work hard.” The Lady Tigers tangled with Gulfport on Saturday. Bay High jumped out to a 27-14 lead at halftime behind the deft shooting of Fricke. However, the game cooled off for the Lady Tigers in the second half as they missed 14 free throws in the second half alone. The Lady Tigers needed some strong defensive pressure to hold off the hard charging Lady Admirals for a 37-31 victory. Fricke led all scorers with 15 points. Thompson ended, “We got off to a really good start, but it did not have a positive effect going forward. We have had a tendency to relax and shy away from putting teams away. If we do not keep the pressure up, it will come back to haunt us. Our guards played well, and Kayla (Fricke) shot well. Our emphasis this week is to improve in preparation of the division tournament. We have not played our best basketball yet.”

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks picked up two division wins last

week. Hancock dropped an 85-54 decision to Pascagoula before rebounding with a 56-48 victory over George County and a 61-45 decision over Long Beach. The Hawks improve to 13-13 overall and 4-6 in division action. The Lady Hawks tallied three wins last week with a 48-33 victory over Pascagoula followed by

a 52-16 decision over George County and a 59-23 win over Long Beach. The Lady Hawks are 24-1 overall and 9-0 in division. **OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS** OLA dropped a division game to Tylertown 45-8 and a 42-29 decision

with West Marion. The Crescents are 1-15 overall. **SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS** The Rocks split a pair of division games last week falling 48-28 to Tylertown and beating West Marion 47-40. The Rocks are 12-8 overall and 2-2 in division play.

GETTIN SILLY WITH GILLEY

BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I remember the first time I fished with Matt Gilley. One of our guides, captain Paul Leoni, was unavailable. I had a day open up and I’m always happy to help Capt Paul. He gave me a heads up, when he confirmed the booking, and said “Matt is about as easy as they come, he just wants to get on the water”. As long as I’ve known Captain Paul, he has never told me a lie, and he definitely didn’t start fibbing with his description of Matt Gilley. Matt Gilley have been on several trips since then, and they have all been wonderful. Matt, his family, and his buddies when they come into town all they want to do is get on the boat. If we can keep enough fish for fish for lunch, even better. However, every trip I have had booked with Matt and his crew, the weather has always been picture perfect. This brings us to mid January. Matt was in town with some business associates. We had been in contact daily, about the weather. I just assumed with the near gale force winds, and the chilly temperatures, that

they would have zero interest in getting on the water... Typical Matt Gilley, he just wanted to get on the water and hopefully catch a few fish for lunch. I told him it was going to be extremely uncomfortable and difficult fishing at best. His reply was, “what time and where are we meeting”? We opted to leave Later in the morning, so hopefully it would warm up. The winds were so bad. When I launched the boat, I could barely open the door to my truck, the near gale, force winds had me pinned in. I had two or three places in protected water we could get to, but I had no clue if the fish were even going to be there. Matt and his crew arrived on time, were in good spirits, and like always goofing off. We hugged the shoreline and found one little pocket somewhat protected. The water was chocolate milk from the recent rains, it was chilly, and you could barely hear yourself think in the wind. Before we got all of the lines out, one of the boys was doubled over with a fish. I think I was more surprised than he was. Splashing on the surface was a gigantic freshwa-

ter, catfish. We were near the Silver Slipper casino and definitely supposed to be in salt water, but I wasn’t turning down anything. Matt and the boys were thrilled to be catching fish. For the next two hours, we hooked, missed, and caught the most freshwater catfish I think I’ve ever seen on a charter trip. We did sneak in a redfish, puppy, drum, and flounder, but those catfish stole the show. Matt and the boys were thrilled to get some fresh fish for lunch. Heck, Captain Matt Tusa called me while we out there. When I told him what we cranking on the fresh water cats, he asked if we could save him a few for supper. He and his family are big fans of the freshwater, catfish. Extra catfish was not a problem. We definitely made a day of it. I think we were more wind-burnt than sunburnt. It did warm up a smidge. The Tusa’s got a bag of fresh fish for dinner. Gilley and the boys took a bag of fish to The Blind Tiger to have cooked for a late lunch. The whole day was nothing short of amazing. I can’t believe we made it work in all that wind. Just another day on the water, gettin Silly with Gilley!

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Richard Niolet
SAINT STANISLAUS

SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Richard Niolet. Last week, Niolet scored a goal and tallied an assist in the 4-4 tie with Bay High.



Lauren Feuerstein
BAY HIGH

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Lauren Feuerstein. Last week, Feuerstein scored the lone goal in a 1-0 win over Our Lady Academy.



Mike Washington
HANCOCK

BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's Mike Washington. Last week, Washington scored 17 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 assists in a win over George County. In a loss to Pascagoula, Washington scored 22 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. In the victory against Long Beach, Washington scored 7 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists.



Kayla Fricke
BAY HIGH

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Kayla Fricke. Last week Fricke averaged 13 points and 4 rebounds in wins over Pass Christian, Moss Point, and Gulfport to secure the #1-seed in Division 8-4A tournament, and run the Lady Tigers consecutive win total to 11 games.



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Local students are fall 2023 graduates of Mississippi State University

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

More than 1,500 students are fall 2023 graduates of Mississippi State University, including the following local students:

Laurel Jones, of Diamondhead, MS, received a Bachelor of Science Cum Laude from MSU's Bagley College of Engineering.

Audrey Dienes, of Diamondhead, MS, received a Bachelor of Arts Summa Cum Laude from MSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Breana Fortenberry, of Bay St Louis, MS, received a Master of Business Adm from MSU's College of Business.

Kellie Underwood, of Diamondhead, MS, received a Bachelor of University Studies from MSU's Academic

Affairs.

Rebecca Walk, of Diamondhead, MS, received a Bachelor of Business Adm from MSU's College of Business.

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Ave Kate Reed named to MTSU's fall 2023 dean's list

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Ave Kate Reed of Diamondhead, MS, was named to Middle Tennessee State University's dean's list for the fall

2023 semester. Reed is majoring in Nutrition & Food Science.

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